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ZHIKOV - PUERTO RICO

REFS: (A)STATE 49814; (B)STATE 49329; (C)SOFIA 351;
(D)STATE 49330

1. PRELIMINARY "MISSIONARY WORK" ON PUERTO RICO WHICH WE
AGREED WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO UNDERTAKE (REF A) IS
ENTIRELY COMPATIBLE WITH PRESENT CONSTRAINTS ON DISCUSSION
THIS ISSUE WITH COMMITTEE OF 24 COUNTRIES(REF B). IN ORDER
TO AVOID SIGNALLING SPECIFIC COMMITTEE OF 24 SITUATION,
SUGGEST YOU KEEP DISCUSSION GENERAL ALONG THESE LINES:

2. ---FOR USG, PUERTO RICO IS ISSUE AFFECTING NATIONAL
SOVEREIGNTY.

---WE ARE AWARE THROUGH REAFFIRMATIONS BY BULGARIA IN
UN AND ELSEWHERE THAT RESPECT FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL NATIONS IS CORNERSTONE OF GOB FOREIGN
POLICY.

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---PRESIDENT ZHIKOV'S PREVIOUS RESPONSIVENESS TO US ON
THIS ISSUE IS CLEARLY AN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS IMPORTANT

BASIC PRINCIPLE WHICH IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT
OF OUR MUTUAL DESIRE TO IMPROVE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

---WE WILL HAVE THIS VERY MUCH IN MIND IN THE COURSE
OF WHATEVER DEVELOPMENTS MAY OCCUR ON THIS ISSUE IN THE
NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER

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